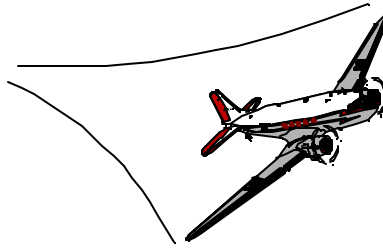


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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) alerts you, an owner or operator of all Lockheed Model P2V-7 airplanes, of possible cracking jet engine pylons.

Background

During routine maintenance inspections on Lockheed P2V-7 models, the FAA found cracks at the upper forward pylon casting of the Jet engine pylons. If left uncorrected, this condition could result in the structural failure of the engine pylon and the subsequent loss of the engine. Loss of the engine during fire-fighting operations could be catastrophic.

Recommendation

The FAA recommends that owners and operators of the Lockheed P2V-7 airplanes perform visual inspection of the jet engine pylons for cracking. If cracking is found, we highly recommend that the jet engine pylon be removed and replaced with a pylon without cracks.

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